

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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INK CARTRIDGE, INK-JET PRINTING APPARATUS, AND REFILLING **DEVICE**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

For:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 26, 2001 to December 26, 2001.

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